YACHTING.

Preparations for the Season's Work by the Massachusetts Yachtsmen.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CLUBS.

Programme of Regattas in the Waters of the Bay State.

LIVELY ANTICIPATIONS OF FUN.

BOSTON, April 12, 1878. The prospects of a brilliant yachting season this year along the coast of Massachusetts are exceedingly bright. The vessels are nearly all in good condition and those that need repairing are now many of them on the stocks. Several new boats are in process of construc-tion for the various squadrons, to take the places of a lew that have been withdrawn. The clubs have had their annual election of officers and have arranged for the season's regattas, so that there remains nothing be done except to get ready for the coming contests. Some of the most prominent business and professions, gentlemen in the State, at least in the maritime cities are interested in this very exhibarating and fascinating sport and devote a good deal of time and money to its THE EASTERN YACHT CLUR.

The Eastern Club is by far the richest and most prominent among the yachting fraternity of New England: it numbers among its members several gentlemen from New York and elsewhere outside of Massachusetts. There are more men of mature age and experience on its slippery decks than in any other organization of the kind along the Eastern shores. The present membership numbers about two hundred and fifty. The fleet consists of twenty-nine schooners, fourteen sloops and one steamer. These include some of the best boats in the New York, Brooklyn and Boston clubs. Several vessels have been withdrawn during the past year, among them being the schooner Enchantress, belonging to J. F. Loubat, New York; Fleur de Lis, belonging to Arthur Cheney, proprietor of the Globe Theatre; schooner Grace, belonging to E. E. Tower, of Cohasset, and the sloop Narragansett, belonging to C. D. Brooks, Boston. Mr. Greeiy S. Curtis is building a handsome boat to take the place of his Dream, lost off Manchester, Masz, last September. Mr. Arthur Chency has also withdrawn his steam yacht Anem-To take the place of these the following boats have joined:-Enterprise, a handsome new boat now building at Chelsea for Mr. F. E. Peabody, which will be a keel cutter 50 feet in length and is expected to be a fast and graceful sarior. The sloop Undine, belonging to Henry Bryant, New York, a very fast boat, and sloop Ariadne, a 38-foot centreboard, owned by William G. Saitonstall, of Salem. There will be two grand regattas of Swampscott and Marblehead, the first in June and the second in September. The vessels are now in winter quarters at their moorings in Salem and Beverly. The following officers have Been elected:—Commodore, D. Bennie Boardman, Manchester, Mass.; Vice Commodore, C. W. Amory, Boston; Rear Commodore, David Sears, Boston; Secretary, Heary B. Jackson, Boston; Treasurer, Patrick T. Juckson, Boston; Regatta Committee, William Whiney, John Jeffries, R. F. Clark, R. H. Stevenson and J. Rollins Morse. The following vessels constitute the roll of the squadron as at present recorded:—

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During the year there were several yachts withdrawn, among them the following—schooners Haze and Phanton, the latter belonging to Messrs. Sears and Soule; Kiley's sloop Gussie, which has been sold, and Pond & Oroutt's sloop limp. Among the new boats admitted are the schooner Eise, belonging to J. B. Moody; sloop Marquita, formerly owned by Parkman Dexter, of the Dorcaester Club, and now by Gommodore Kiley and John H. Gibin; the sloop Grace, owned by J. Donovan; a centreboard sloop, not yet named, by H. P. Elweil, and sloops by F. H. Seavery and F. J. Sayward; the Addie Eimer, by A. Kidd; the sloop Dolite, by F. Copeland; a keel boat, by S. S. Pond; sloop lanthe, by W. K. Pytor, and a keel sloop, by R. W. Biboer. The Haze has gone to Bluehill, Me; the imp has been sold to Frank P. Waternouse, of Quincy, and the Gussie to E. L. Soule, of Freeport, Me.

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Results of officers:—Commodore—M. J. Kitey. Vice Commodore—L. S. Pond. Fieet Captain—William McCorm.cx. Secretary—William Morris, Mensurer—Thomas Christion. Trustees—J. H. Giblin, W. H. Lafield and Dr. R. Disbrow. Regatta Committee—M. J. Kitey. William Morris, J. G. Chambers, Frank Copeland, H. P. Elwell, F. G. Cooley and J. Reagan. The fleet aumbers forty-seven sail—namely, thirty-nine sloops, seven schooners and one steamer. Amoust the yacus owned are the Hattie. T. Christian; Haze, J. B. Moody; Ketty, J. W. Ward; Lesile, S. W. Bailey; Mercury, J. K. Roberts; Ranger, S. S. Hizell; Carrier Dove, T. Barker; Elsile, E. W. Sears, Annie, P. McKenna; Fannie, Benjamin Dean; Gale, William McCormack; Kate, C. T. Haley; Maud, D. A. Hall; Mabel, J. N. Roberts; Poscy, B. J. McKee; Rover, J. H. Stark; Startle, A. T. Plummer; Uncle Moses, C. H. Dolbear; Maggie, John Monks; Magwe, Arthur Dean; Water Wilch, William Freeman; Annie, C. A. Choste; Unknown, J. G. Chambers; Quee Mab, W. F. Halsall; White Wing, Charnock Brothers; Wild Wave, F. Winslow; Iv., J. A. Woodward; Gerile, B. F. Shattuck; Startleght, John Murray; Bella, R. Desbrow; Wasp, David Wanless; Idler, F. A. Cooley; Erin, G. R. Cavannuph; Cycla, P. F. Dogrett; Choquina, James Buckley, Besides these there is a mosquito fleet, quite active on the wave. Many yachts comed by members of other clubs are to be seen during the season in South Boston waters.

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THE DORCHESTER CLUB.

The Dorchester Club is composed largely of young men, and is a wide awake, active organization. It has a memoership of 125 and occupies a handsome cub nome on Commercial Point, Dorchester Bay. The championship races, which used to be in former years a feature of the enter-tainments of the club, have been abolished, and regatisa open to all yachts have been substituted. Several of the yachts are already in the water and others are undergoing repairs preparatory to launchine. Mr. Bryant, of New York, has added his Undine to the fleet. There will be at least half a dozen regatisa under the au-pices of the Dorchester, the first to take place June 17, off Nahant, in which the Boston Club, as already stated, with join. The squadron numbers nity-seven boats—ten schooners and forty-seven sloops. The officers are as follows:—Commodore, F. P. Peabody; Vice Commodore, S. P. Freeman; secretary, George H. L. Sharpe; Tressurer, Coolidge Barnard; H. S. Mann and P. Dexter.

THE BEWELLY CLUB.

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W. H. L. Smith; Regatta Committee—Coolidge Barnard, H. S. Mann and P. Dexter.

The Beverly Club is composed largely of young business men in flooton who spend the summer months along the coast of Essex county, from Lybn to Cape Ann. It was organized in 1872 and has at present a membership of over one bundred, with sixty-one boats. The rendezvous are at Salem and Beverly. Last year it had more regattas than any other cities in New England waters and gave more prizes than any excepting the Eastern. There will be three championship regattas the coming season, in which two prizes are offered for each class, with a champion penant to the yeart making the best time in two of the infree races. The first regatta will be sailed off Nahant, July 6; the second off swampscott, July 27, and the third off Beverly, August 17. There will also be a special regatta August 3 off Count, Cape Cod, for the entertainment of the people summering there, and one off Nahant, September 7. The officers for the year are as follows:—Commodore, Arhur Burgess; Vice Commodore George A. Goddard; Secretary and Treasurer, W. Lloyd Jeffres; Measurer, H. H. Buck; Regatta Committee—William D. Hodges, George Peabody Garuner, Joseph H. Minot, Patrick Grant, Jr., and W. Lloyd Jeffres, many of which have more than a local reputation, constitute the squadron:—

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Island to Cape Gaspé in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. One result of the cruise was the well known volume "starbaard and Fort," which has been read by all yachismen. Mr. Hepworth, in referring to the alterations which he assess to be made in the Notice before he ventured into deep water with her, says:—

I sent the Nettie, late in June, to New London, to have her masts cut down and her mainboom shortened. The sticks were preposterously long and made her roll badly is a heavy swell, while the mainboom ran outboard so at that, when the wind was on the quarter and she was running free, the end of it dipped as site wayed and threatehed to carry away the matthead. She was in good trim for scient in smooth water, and had many a time shown her perfonsions that it thought of their distinctions of the carry with seem to her their own way with our stance flaining smarks even, and concluded to sarrifice sumething to comfort and safety. She would have to meet whatever might come, said called need to be strong in every timber and line. She was reading a searchilly examined in the built, all her running rigging was overhaused and everything done to fit her for the hard work which lay before us.

The Nettie's dimensions at the time of launching

and line. She was carefully examined in the suil, all her running rigging was overhauled and everything done to fit her for the hard work which lay before us.

The Nettie's dimensions at the time of launching were as follows:—Length over all, 75 feet; tength on water line, 67 feet; beam, 22 feet 6 inches; hold, 7 feet 8 inches; tonnage, 109 tons.

REBULT AND REFITTED.

Mr. Hepworth solu the Notice to her present owner in 1876, and after using her for one year Mr. Osborn sent her to the yard of the Messrs. Poulion, Brooklyn, N. Y., where she was rebuilt and refitted throughout. It was late last season when the Nettie was put in commission, but Mr. Osborn accompanied the fleet of the New York Yacht club on their anneal cruise, and was one of the last boats to go into winter quarters, which were selected at the foot of seventh street, Gowanus Basin, Brooklyn. Her sailing master, Cap ain L de R. du Verze, ilved on board during the winter, and meantime the cabin was slightly altered and made particularly attractive by additions and changes of a trivial nature. This spring her head rig has been changed from jib to forestaysnil, new spreaders have been fitted, and her rigging has been ratiled down fore and att. In addition she has been recently supplied with storm jibs, storm trysalis and a small jib topsail. A few days since she was towed to City Island, where her bottom is being cleaned, the necessary panning done and what few repairs are needed receiving attention. She will return in time to allow her sailing as already stated.

DIMENSIONS AND SPARS.

The Nettie's present dimensions are as follows:—Length over all, \$4.91 feet; length on water line, 71.6 feet; breadth of beam, 22 feet; depth of hold, 8 feet; drait of water, 8 feet 2 inches; cubic contents as per mile, 5,618.12 cabic feet; tonnage, 116.27 tons; foremast, from neck to head, 57 feet; masinead, 7 feet; maintends; howerful, \$4.91 feet; fing jibboom, 14 feet outside cap; pole, 3 test 6 inches; foreboom, 22 feet 10 inches; maintopmas, 28 feet 6 inches; for

PIGEON SHOOTING

Had the weather been less changeable yesterday the members of the Long Island Gun Club would have assembled in larger force at Dexter Park, Jamaica road, L. I., for the purpose of taking part in their regular monthly shooting for a dinner. As it was only a few put in an appearance on the grounds and, therefore, the dinner had to be postponed until some future

Divided the mone.

Referee, Mr. Charles E. Dexter. Time of shooting, one nour, thirty minutes.

DOWNEY GIVES UP.

Downey retired from the track at Central Park Garden on Thursday night at 10h, 56m. 45a., intending to resume at 2:30 A. M. Instead of doing so he reained in retirement until Sh. 5m. yesterday morning, having stopped 9h. Sin, 15s. He was not stiff, nor were his feet blistered, but he complained of weakness, his knees in this respect troubling him greatly. All day long he walked very slowly, and upon three occasions took long rests. At the end of the 145th mile, be stopped, 1h. 19m.; at the end of the 145th mile, 2h. 52m. 5s.; at the end of the 154th mile, 2h. 52m. 5s.; at the end of the 154th mile, 4h. 21m. 46s. The latter rest was from 3h. 58m. 14s. In the afternoon until 8h. 20m. in the evening. The result of his efforts from that time until he resigned his task was eight miles and five and two-thrids laps, as at 10h. 11m. he retired for good, his backers arriving at the ensible cendules in that further expones attending the effort was unnecessary.

Downey commenced walking on Tuesday night at seven o'clock, and succeded in walking in all a total of 162 miles and five and two-thirds laps (usemly-two laps to the mile), which is as complete a failure as can be mentioned in pedestrianism. Sam Aushell, Julius Stern, T. H. Noonan, John Goodwin, Peter Van Ness and Hughes accompanied Downey last might, it may be of interest nere to note that the ing, having stopped 9h, 8m, 15s. He was not stiff, nor

Peter Van Ness and Hughes accompanied Downey last night. It may be of intervat ners to note that the best waiking on record for the distance which this unfortunate pedestrian attempted—400 miles in 100 hours—is a little ever 119 hours, and yet, uniried and without careful prebaration, Downey came before the public hoping that he might succeed.

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MOBILE RACES.

THIRD AND LAST DAY OF THE MOBILE JOCKEY CLUB RACES-FOUR EVENTS-DALGAISIAN, GEORGE JOHNSON AND BURGOO THE WIN-NEBS, THE LATTER OF TWO RACES.

Monitz, April 12, 1878.

The morning broke clear and gool, with a very light The morning broke clear and cool, with a very lights northwest wind, but toward noon the weather became more mild, and during the afternoon it was clear and warm. As a consequence there was a large turn-out, and the drive along the banks of the bay and among the magnella trees that sande the road for miles on the way was really charming. The attendance to-day was the largest of the meeting, and the indies' stand presented a gay and brilliant appearance. The racing was of a better class than on the preceding days and was appreciated. Four racing events came off, comprising three running races and a trotting contest.

Lady Gay Time, 2:20. HORSE NOTES.

Survivor, by Vandal, dain by Lexington, died at Napoleon, La., on the 21st of March, of disease of the kidneya. Survivor was a fine race horse. As a twoyear-old he ran twice, without winning; as a three ear-old he ran rix times and won four, among them the Preakness Stakes at Baltimore, one and a half miles, and the Monmouth Sequel Stakes at Long Branch, two miles. At four years old he ran fourteen times, of which out three were victories for him. Of these he won the Fordham Handicap, one and a quarter miles, beating Artist, Mate, Stanford, Fellowcraft and others. Another good race of his was at mile heats at Long Branch, when, carrying 108 lbs., he beat B. F. Carver in 1:47½—1:44. At five years old heats at Long Branch, when, carrying 108 lbs., he beat B. F. Carver in 1:474—1:44. At five years old he ran seventeen times and won eight. At six years old he ran seventeen times and won four. All of these last races (1576) were run in the South, and at the time of his death he was owned by Mr. A. M. Burton.

Muttle Gross, by Lexing on, dam by American Echpse, died at the Woodoura Stud, Kentucky, on the Ist inst. She was found in 1860. She was found dead in the pasture. It is supposed that she ruptured a blood vessel white she was quietly grazing, as ane was apparently in high health only a few moments before she was found. Mattie, at the time of her death, was in tool to King Alfonso, and nearly que to loal. She never achieved any great success as a racer, but proved herself a very asolul animal in the stud, where she became tine dam of ten fosis, the two principal once being Mr. Saniord's Mate, by imp. Australian, and Whisper, by Planet. The death of Mattle will be a serious fost to the Woodburn Stud.

The fine and promising young station Monneo, first called John Porter, died at Mr. A. Keene Richards' Blue Grass Park Stud, Scott county, Ky., on Sunday last, April 7. Monneo was loaded the spring of 1884, by imp. Mickey Free, dam imp. Melrose, the dam of the much lamented Melbourne, Jr., by Melbourne. Mr. Richards has hiled his plane with Mettle, by Melbourne, Jr., dam Alumina, by imp. Edipse.

The thoroughbred boy Billy Palmette, dour years old, by Narragansett, dam Minnie Minor by Lexington, eut of Julia, by imp. Glencoe, &c., the property of Mr. Whitam Astor, died suddening at that gentleman's sables at Mommouth Fark on Tuesday, 2d. The filly was about being served by Prederick the Grest, when a borse galioping near by startled her, causing her to break away from the groom, and after running three or lour miles she leil and broke her neck. Palmetto was a very promising filly and her death is a serious loss to the American turf.

Measrs. J. G. Nelson & Co. have purchased of Dr. A. B., Conover the racing qual

brown gelding Rubicon and several other thorobreds will be soid at the New York l'attersali's, Brway and Thirty-ninth atreet, to-day.

SHERMAN AND THE SUGAR MEN.

Secretary Sherman had a conference yesterday with

recently in the rooms of the Importers and Grocers' Board of Trade and who made suggestions to Congress in relation to the duties on sugar. Among the merchants present were Robert B. Minturn, of Grinneil, Minturn & Co.; Lawson M. Fulier, of Aidama & Futer; Solon Humporeys, of E. D. Morgan & Co.; J. M. Cebailos, of Gebailos & Co., and Charles Durant, of Durant & Co. They were accompanied by Prolessor Chandler, who explained to the Secretary the dangers attached to the polariscope. Mr. Minturn, who acted at spokesman, said that the duties upon sugar, as proposed in the new Tarif bil, although arranged upon a basis suggested at a meeting of the sugar trace of New York, fail to represent the real views of the sugar trade, the opinion of which was not fully represented at that meeting and that the resolutions adopted at that time do not meet with the approval of a majority of the trade. The mercunants present objected that the whole scale of duties imposed is excessively and injuriously high. Mr. Minturn insisted if the suggestion of a uniform duty upon refluing sugars is not approved, and if the paiariscope test is deemed casential, that it should be made thoroughly equitable by providing that the rate of duty steal be proportionally reduced in the rate of duty steal be proportionally reduced in the ratio of the percentage of polarization. The speaker contended that such a revisal of the proposed rates of duty woul go lar to obvint the danger of fraud, since the system is in every respect the larrest and best for the sugar trade it is polariscope test be adopted.

Secretary Sperman in reply said he was very gind to have meet the representatives of the sugar trade. He could do nothing for them as it had gone out of his hands into those of Congress. They must look to the latter body for redress for their grevances.

The sugar merchants sub-equently held a secret meeting in the office of Mailand, Pheips & Co., in Exchange piace, and refused any particulars to the press. as spokesman, said that the duties upon sugar, as

MR MINTIRE'S REFUTAL

917 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, April 12, 1878. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-

Several notices having appeared in the New York papers connecting my name with frauds on Colorado banks I take this opportunity to brand all sech reports as laise, malicious and untrue in every respect. I have not been president, vice president or director I have not been president, vice president or director of the Colorado Springs Bank for over one year past, and have bad nothing to do with its active management or the control of its funds in any way. I was not in Colorado Springs when the cashier died, nor have I had anything to do with its control since, having sold my stock to the present management after a thorough investigation of the bank by them. I have not been in Lake City since October last, and have had no control of its funds of management since. I left Colorado on business about four weeks ago. My departure was known to my personal and business friends there and in the East, and I have been in cally communication and correspondence with them, and have been stopping at a public notel since my arrival. These reports can only be instigated to injure me or the banks by personal enemies.

H. A. McINTIRE.

SEIZURE OF FURNITURE

Two large truckloads of elaborate furniture were brought to the Custom House yesterday afternoon, which Captain Brackett and his officers selzed in East Sixty-fourth street, at the house of Mrs. Hartley, a Broadway miliner. It appears that the lady arrived here last month from Paris in the steamer Cellic. while abroad she purchased this furniture at a cost of nearly 4,500t., which arrived per steamship Alestia a few days alterward. When the goods were sanded the lady, it is sand, deposed that the furniture had been in use one year and upward, on which a free delivery was granted. By some means it was ascertained that these goods had been bought less than six months ago, which makes them hable to a duty of thirty-five percent. The documents on file at the Cestom house were examined, where the triplicate invoice was discovered upon which the selzure was made.

ARCTIC REGIONS.

Particulars of the Proposed Expedition to the Polar Sea.

A SUGGESTIVE SILVER SPOON.

What a Shipping Merchant Says About the Franklin Relics.

Since the melancholy loss of Str John Franklin and his intrepid companions everything relating to the plorers perished has been fraught with a peculiar interest to intelligent minds throughout the world. The many laudable efforts made to recover the records of the lost exploring party and to reach that goal which navigators and other scientists have long and eagerly desired to see attained have always been responded to with a heart throb of universal sympathy such as, perhaps, never in the history of mankind has been elicited by any other humane or scientific undertak-ing. The offer of a gallant young officer of the United States army to lead an expedition in search of additional relies of Sir John Frankiin and his party, as published in the HERALD of matter. The proposed search formed a topic of dis-cussion at the various literary clubs in the city, and was also vigorously discussed by old Arctic Ocean travellers, including whalemen and shipping merchants, down town. During the afternoon a HERALD representative, finding himself in South street dropped in at No. 109, the office of Messrs, Morison & Brown, shipping merchants, through whose instrumentality the latest authentic information regarding the late of the brave English Baronet and his companies, has already stirred the British Lords of the Admiralty to something like action in the premises. The writer having found Mr. John Morison quite willing to talk on the subject indicated, the following interview took

"Can you not let the HERALD have some additional intermation in regard to the proposed expedition to

the Arctic regions ?"

"Certainly; I will tell you the whole story, from be ginning to end. When the brig Henry Trowbridge sailed from here last October on a whaling voyage 1 invited several representatives of the daily papers to accompany us on a trip aboard-of her down to Sandy Hook, whither she because the Trowbridge is the first whaling vessel ever fitted out in the city of New York. Some have been Stited out in the city of New York. Some have been sent from the Hudson, and other whalers have halo from this port about the year 1837, but none of them were really fitted out in this city. Well, among those who accompanied us to the Hook was Mr. Thomas Y Barry, who had recently arrived from Hudson's Bay, where he had been snipwrecked while serving as second officer on the whaling bark A Houghton. He had previously made several voyages to the Arctic regions, and could speak the Esquimau language fluently."

"In what manner did he come into possession of the relice spoken of?"

"I'm coming to that now. During his stay at Hudson's Bay, in 1877, Mr. Barry met some Esquimaux coming from the Nauchnia country, having with them several silver spoons, one of which bore the creat of the late Sir John Frankin. He lost no time in securing these articles. The same party of Esquimaux in

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"Bid be go?"

"No. He didn't attach much importance to this discovery, for the simple reason that in 1872, when he (Mr. Barry) was second officer of the bark Glacier, there were also Esquimaux coming from the same tribe as those situated to, bringing with them silver sugar spoons, table spoons and forks originally belonging to Sir John Franklin's party, and giving the same information to Captain Potter, of the Glacier, and to Mr. Barry, in regard to the books and other property belonging to the white men. On the return of the Glacter to New Bedford, the late Mr. Henry Grinnell, having heard of this last clew obtained in the Arutic regions, proceeded to that port and called on Captain Potter and his officers in reistion thereto. After having carefully examined the relies, Mr. Grinnell pronounced them genuine, and as having belonged to Sir John Franklin's party. Shortly siter this Mrs. Grinnell went over to England and called upon Lady Franklin, to whom she imparted the intelligence of the books and papers belonging to the exploring party, on the condition that the articles mentioned about the production of the serior party, on the condition that the articles mentioned about the production of the serior in limiting the time for the production of the articles?"

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"My opinion is that in offering the reward, which was only payable up to the close of 1875, and not making the offer known in this country, she intended to give her own countrymen an opportunity to recover the retice and obtain the reward, as well as to let them have the credit of the enterprise, as the question of Sir John's late and that of his companions has become quite a national affair it England. Shortly after offering the reward, however, Lady Franklin aleu, and at about the same time the death of Mr. Henry Grinnell occurred, so that the whole thing fell to the ground. Mr. Barry, knowing that the deaths of Lady Franklin and Mr. Grinnell not occurred the proposed renewal of the search to be abandoned, and no one class appearing to take any interest in it, contented himself with buying the spoon as a currosity to take home with him. On his return to this city he made me a present of the spoon, at the same time tening me what no had learned from the Esquimaux in regard to it."

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"Well, is there any good reason for believing that he is mistaken?"

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ported the information to its President, Chief Justice Daiy, who, with remarkable patience cross-examined Mr. Barry and came to the conclusion that under the circumstances we should make an effort to send out a search party. Captain Markham, inte commander of Her British Rejesty's exploring ship Aleri, to whom Chief Justice Daily submitted the information breught by Barry, is also of the opinion that there must be some foundation for the news received, and that it would be worth while to make an effort to follow up the clew. But as we are men of ordinary means, we propose to send ene of our vessels out on a whating voyage to the Arctic regions this spring, and the expense of this proposed search party is to be raised by private subscriptions, of which we have already promises for some \$3,000, the whole estimated cost being about \$10,000."

"You have probably had already applications from parties anxious to join the expention?"

"In answer to an article on the same subject published in the fluxable on January 23, we have received quite a number of letters from all over the United States from parties volunteering to become members of this search party without say compensation. One of these was from an engineer out West, who stated that although be had a young wife and child, he was anxious to go, for the sole purpose of placing an additional laurel wreath on the brow of this fair country. I told him, if he really wanted to go, we would like him to subscribe \$1,000 to the energrise. I have not heard from him since. A day or two after that I received a letter from Lieutenant Schwatze, stationed at the Spotted Tail Agency, in which he stated his willingness to go with the expedition and asking me of there was a cannee for him. In his letter he enumerated the hardships he had undergone out the planta, and said he was not deterred by the trials to be encountered in the Arctic regiona. He asked me for an early raply, saying that, if encourage, he would apply for leave of absence and come at once to this city for the pu

the matter over with me."

"Of course you did not discourage such a manly offer?"

"it wrote back telling him that if I could see him personaily I would be better able to judge of his adaptaonity for leading the search party. He came here shortly afterward and I was very much pleas d with his appearance and manly deportment, especially as he was highly recommended by Colonei Mills, of his regiment, who said he could not speak well enough of the young floutenant's bravery in the field and his other soldierly qualities. Now the Natchila tribe of Esquimaux are a warlike people, and we thought it best to have a man with a military education to accompany the expedition. He told us that before he could join the expedition he would have to obtain a leave of absence from the War Department. I made his desire known to Chief Justice Daly, who very kingly offered his assistance to the young offleer in his effort to obtain a such leave of absence. For that purpose Judge Daly wrote a letter to General Sherman, a copy of which I saw in the Heratin to-day."

"What arrangements have been made for the proposed expedition?"

"We are either to send out the schooner Eothen, under command of Mr. Barry, in June next, or otherwise, if that vessel, which is now in the Antarctic Ocean, has not returned by that time, we are to send out another equally qualities. Next year the Henry Troworldge will be despatched to the Arctic regions, also for whaling purposes, and, if necessary, afford nid and comfort to the search party, in case it should have met with reverses. I shall select the crew myself, as I know every Arctic Ocean traveller on this mee of the globe. I was intrusted with the selection of the crew of the United States exploring ship Polaris, under command of Caphain Hall, and many of its former members have already applied to me to go with the proposed search party."

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Rev. Father Curran, paster of St. Andrew's Church, Duane street, has received the following letter from Mgr. Chatard, recently rector of the American College at Rome, but now the newly appointed bishop of

lege at Rome, but now the newly appointed bishop of an American diocese, announcing the presentation by Pope Leo XIII, to the venerable paster of St. Andrew's of a gold chalice—the first gift from the Holy Father to any coclesiastic in this country:—

American College, Rome, March 25, 1878.

Dean first. F. Curans—Yesterday our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. designed to admit me to the honor of a private andleno. He list new with interest to my account of what so many good Catholics had done for the American College, and an testimour of his approbation of racolously sends to Your develope, for St. Andrew's Church, a challes, of which he commissioned me to be the bearer, massnuch as St. Andrew's stands at the head of the list of churches in which I collected during the time of my sejears in the States. States

Thanking Your Reverence for your very great kindness
ne every way, I am withbest wishes, very respectfully and
trally yours in Christ, SLLAS M. CHATARO, Rector.
Rev. M. CURRAN, Pastor of St. Andrew's Caurch, New
York.

PLYMOUTH PRAYER MEETING.

In his remarks at the Plymouth Church prayer meeting, last evening, Mr. Beecher said the direc rinstructions given to those just beginning a Christian life would not be suitable to those who were older. The power of realization is very different in different people. In one class an idea is projected and is clearly understood in all its bearings, while there are a great many others who have not this ability to grasp a well defined idea. A great many persons begin their Christian experience with an auroral glory that sets others to desiring to obtain the auroral glory that sets others to desiring to obtain the same elevated and entrancing visions. It is not necessary to have this delighting shock; a great many begin their experience so quietly that they scarcely know when the change occurs. What is less than a mustard seed? What works more quietly than the leaven in bread? Yet a true religious line has just such a small beginning, and its work may go on just as quietly as the intile seaven which leavens the whole loat. We are piaced in the different positions in this life by a Divine power, and whother rich or poor, whether we labor with our hands or with our heads, we must endeavor to be Christians in the epherce where we are placed, and not try to get out of them. If a person is converted at school it is in the trials of the scholar and the troubles by which he is surrounded. scholar and the troubles by which he is surrounded that the Christian principles must be evolved. We are differently situated from those who could follow thrist personally. When He cailed the fishermen they left their nets and interaily followed Him; but we must toilow Him by having His spirit while pursuing our avertice.

TALMAGE'S TALK.

Mr. Talmage talked last night in the Brooklyn Tabernacle about the Fall River defaication, the irrever-ent use of Scripture in Congress and the death of the millionnaire-beggar, Barbara Allen, in Brooklyn. The Fall River defalcation be thought was the clearing-up shower of fluncial distress. All should be thankiul that during the hard times they have had enough to est and to wear. He did not believe there was a huugry man in the house. If there were Mr. Taimage invited such a one to go home with him and he would satisfy his hunger. Mr. Taimage deplored the irreverent use of Biole quotations in Congress, although ne said that he did not believe there had ever been a higher Congress, morally or intelectually, thus the present one. Barbara Atlen dying in misery, although having a fortune of \$20,000 in the savings bank, furnished the speaker with a striking infiniteration of what miserliness of soul would accomplish. It mattered not whether the goal aimed at was \$20,000 to \$20,000,000; it was a debasing passion which made money-getting paramount. The more money a man had the better he was off, but it should no be made the principal thing. The moral of all that he had spoken of was, in the pracaler's mind, the text with which he closed, "Be content with such things as you have." gry man in the house. If there were Mr. Talmage

SAVING THE CHILDREN.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was recently notified of the brutal conduct of man named Reagan, and his wife, who resided at No. 338 West Seventeenth street. Their little ones, it was allegen, were multreated by their parents, who were confirmed drunkards. Officer Chiardi, yesterday, produced the mother and children in Court. She was sent to the Island and they were taken charge of by sent to the Island and they were taken charge of by
the Society. The same officer had two other prisoners before Judge Duffy. One was Luigi Carigino,
an organ grinder, who has been going about
the city with a little girt, Marle by name,
who sings and plays upon the tambourler.
The child is a frightful looking object. The smallpox
has deeply marked her face, and there are currous
cloatrices upon it which might be attributable to the
action of vitriol. She is sightless, and from their
sockets two ghastly white cyclosis protride. Her
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unfortunate intie creatures who in Italy are deturned
and trained to follow a mendicant's life. When
mere inlants they are deprived of their sight
by an inhuman process, of which until lately
but little was known. The light which has
in the last lew years ocen throw upon the ways
of the parcuse has, however, exposed this dreadful
secret. An irou bar heated to whiteness is passed before the eyes of the uniortunate children to be prepared for begging purposes and held there without
touching the skin still the eye is deprived of its fanctions and homing but a sightless bail in left. The
child Marie was questioned yeateriasy, but ber memory was at fault as to whence she had come or through
what sufferings she had passed. The Society for the
Prevention of Grueity to Children took charge of her, the Society. The same officer had two other prison

THE BAPTLE OF MONMOUTH

Great efforts are being made to raise funds in New Jersey to erect a monument on the battlefield of Mon-mouth. President Joel Parker, of the Monument Fund Association, in an address to the people says;—
The people of Mommouth county are raising funds to erect a monument on the battefeled of Mommouth, the cerner stone of which will be fand on the 25th of June best, being the centennia anniversary of the battle, several thousand dollars have been contributed in this county, but more money is seeded, and they wish all Jerseymen by brith of adoption and all who are descendants of Jerseymen, in this or other States, to have an upportunity to give a small sum toward this patriotic object, to commemorate the heroic deeds of Washington and his companions in arms. It has therefore been determined to sag of such \$1 contributions.

The Governor urges authoriptions to be sent to either Major Yard or Coloner Applicate, freeholders,